(b) whether there are any special trained and technical personnel to execute such works; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the works undertaken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH)): (a) The Government through its agencies promotes the use of cheaper building materials and low cost housing by constructing houses under the experiment housing scheme and cluster of demonstration houses, through publications and annual competitions for low cost houses.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. 55 percent of HUDCO's funds are earmarked for the construction of houses for the economically weaver sections and low income groups.

**Implementation of Integrated Rural Development Programme**

1242. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the reduction in the number of families living below the poverty line in the country because of the assistance given under the IRDP so far;

(b) by when, under the IRDP, Government propose to give at least first instalment of help to all the families living below the poverty line; and

(c) what would be the financial requirements for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) During the Sixth Five Year Plan 16.56 lakh families had been assisted under the Integrated Rural Development Programme. During 1985-86, 3.061 million families have been assited. Major evaluation studies have been conducted by Institute for Financial Management & Research (IFMR), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) and Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO) of Planning Commission, during the Sixth Plan. According to PEO study 49.4 per cent of the sample size of 1170 have crossed the poverty line of Rs. 3500. NABARD study has observed that of the sample of 1498, 47 per cent had crossed the poverty line. According to RBI study, of the sample size of 730, 17 per cent (after discounting the income for agricultural labourers as on February, 1984) have crossed the poverty line. According to 12 monthly Concurrent Evaluation Studies, 52 per cent of the old families have crossed the old poverty line of Rs. 3500 and 12 per cent the revised poverty line of Rs. 6400.

(b) and (c) During the Seventh Plan it is proposed to assist 20 million families. This includes old families assisted during the Sixth Plan who have not crossed the poverty line for no fault of theirs. According to the NSSO 38th round Consumer Expenditure Distribution about 44 million families in rural areas are living below poverty line. It is proposed to reduce the percentage of families below the poverty line to 10 per cent by 1994-95. No assessment of financial requirement has been made by this Department.

**Coal Based Fertilizer Plant at Korba**

1243. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to examine the economic viability of establishing coal based fertilizer plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for slow progress of the implementation of the coal based fertilizer plant at Korba and the steps government propose to take to expedite it; and

(d) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) Techno-economic feasibility studies were conducted in 1968 before establishing coal-based fertilizer plants at Ramagundam and Talcher. These studies indicated that the Ramagundam annd Talcher plants would give a return of 15.8 per cent and 16 per cent, respectively, on the total capital employed.

(c) and (d) The implementation of the coal-based fertilizer project at Korba was initially held in abeyance due to resource constraint. It was subsequently decided that further implementation of the project would be considered after the production at the other two coal-based plants at Ramagundam and Talcher had stabilised. At present, there is no proposal to restart work on this project.

**Incomplete medium and major irrigation projects in Madhya Pradesh**

1244. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many medium and major irrigation projects are lying incomplete in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what was the time frame projected for their completion and what has been the causes of delay for the completion of these projects; and

(c) what are the financial resources required for the completion of all these projects and the manner in which Government intend to meet the same?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 64 major and medium ongoing irrigation projects have spilled over to the VII plan.

(b) The time frames projected vary from project to project. The delay is mainly caused on account of inadequate investigations of projects at the formulation stage, proliferation of projects, scarcity of resources, difficulties in land acquisition and change in the scope of the projects.

(c) The financial resources required for the completion of these projects depend upon their period of completion. The State Governments have been advised to prioritise the projects for optimal allocation of the available resources and lay stress on the completion of ongoing projects. Further, the Union Government is earmarking the plan outlays for important projects and is also arranging external assistance wherever possible, to step up resources.

**Revision of existing list for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes**

1245. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to revise the existing list of the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, what is the procedure being followed and who have been entrusted with the job of the aforesaid revision;

(c) whether any socio-economic survey either by Government or by any other agency has been undertaken to form the basis of such a revision; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government propose to undertake such a survey?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Revision of existing lists of Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes with reference to each of the States|Union Territories is to be done through an Act of Parliament as provided under Articles 341 and 342 of the Constitution. Under the provisions of these two Articles, consultations are done with the State Governments|U. T. Administrations, who send